

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 2579 - HB 2665**

March 16, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health to establish a protocol permitting medical examiners to make adequate investigations of the death of a child. If an anatomical gift has been made of the child, rules may not be suspended regarding autopsy for organ donation in cases where organ donation could reasonably prevent an adequate investigation of the death of a child.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health will not incur a significant increase in state expenditures for the establishment of a protocol permitting medical examiners to make adequate investigations of the death of a child.
- Autopsies are currently performed in the case of a suspicious child death. Any changes to current procedures would be minimal and would not have a significant fiscal impact on state and local expenditures.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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